ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

OF

HOVE GENERAL HOSPITAL

With Audited Statement of Accounts for the Year 1945

AGAIN we have to present an abridged Report, as the restrictions on paper are still enforced by the Ministry of Supply. As a result, we are unable to present a list of our Governors and Subscribers and similar detail and we must, therefore, crave your kindly consideration. This form of Report has been agreed by all the Voluntary Hospitals who are members of the British Hospitals Association.

The Year's Work

During the year restriction of the number of beds reserved under the E.M.S. Scheme has been further reduced, and comes to an end on 1st April this year. Owing to this fact we have been able to admit more patients to the wards and so reduce our waiting list, which still amounts to 100. This has the serious attention of the Board of Management. The number of patients admitted to the wards has increased by 200, and the number of operations has increased by a similar figure. X-Ray examinations have increased by 1,000 during the year. These figures will show that the work of the Hospital is steadily growing and is caused chiefly by the return of the evacuated population, and also new residents in the district. Our Honorary Staff have, therefore, had to work at great pressure in order to give the desired attention and full service to patients.

HOVE GENERAL HOSPITAL

	1944	1945
In-patients treated (General)	595	753
In-patients treated (Private)	107	137
	702	890

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	1944	1945
New Out-patients	5545	5929
Out-patient Treatments	41550	40755
Major Operations	698	738
Minor Operations	413	579
X-Ray Examinations...	3436	4543
Massage, Sunlight and Electrical Treatments ...	18961	18581
Dental Cases	880	893

NORTHERN BRANCH

	1944	1945
Out-patients Registered	79	74
Out-patient Attendances	860	520
Home Patients Registered	76	71
Home Patients, Visits made	739	815

Attendances at the Northern Branch still diminish and this is caused by the small amount of unemployment and the fact that many of the local population are members of the Sussex Provident Scheme.

Finance

The amount received from the Ministry of Health under the E.M.S. Scheme, owing to the reduction in Government requirements, has, naturally, been considerably reduced. At the same time, the expenses of the Hospital, owing to the adoption of the Rushcliffe Scheme of Nurses' Salaries and the Hetherington Scheme of Domestic Staff Wages, have increased. The Finance Committee, therefore, have still to keep very steady watch on all items of expenditure, at the same time seeing that all surgical and medical requisites are maintained in first-class order and kept well up-to-date. They have also to see that the comfort and well-being of the patients and staff receive every attention. The Board very much regret that, under these circumstances, accounts now show an overdraft of £11,000 at the end of the year, and there is still a loan against Building and Extension of £5,000.

During the last year there have been indications that the Government propose to bring in a Bill to nationalise all public and voluntary hospitals. This, we regret to report, has had a detrimental effect on voluntary subscriptions. By the time this Report is in your hands the Government proposals will probably be known to you, but the Board still consider that there is great work to be done by voluntary hospitals, and sincerely trust they will be allowed to continue their good work. This is the only general hospital in

Hove and, therefore, the Board hope that we shall receive growing and substantial support from local industrial undertakings We have been able to render efficient service to many of the casualties from local firms, and it is gratifying to know that our work in this direction has been so well appreciated.

We have again to thank Hove Corporation for their generous grant of £350 during the last year. This has been a great encouragement to the Board of Management and at present covers the local rates paid by the Institution, although we are afraid that the demands of the local services will further increase.

The Hospital is represented on the Sussex Area Committee and Brighton and Hove Sub-Area Committee of the British Hospitals Association, and this Association is rendering valuable assistance to all voluntary hospitals in their efforts to meet the demands of the various Government departments.

The following were elected Life Governors of the Hospital by virtue of their donations : Dr. E. P. Daniell, Edgar Jones, Esq., F. J. Miller, Esq., A. Martin, Esq., also L. E. Brookes, Esq., and G. H. Warren, Esq. (representing Messrs. C.V.A. Jigs, Moulds and Tools, Ltd.)

Mr. H. Chesshire was elected an Honorary Life Governor in recognition of his good work on behalf of the Hospital.

The following donations are recorded with the Board's grateful thanks and appreciation :—

	£	s.	d.
Hove and District Hospital Sunday Fund ...	185	0	0
Brighton Students' Association	150	0	0
Alexandra Rose Day	147	0	0
Matron's At Home	146	9	2
Proceeds of Concert at Hove Town Hall arranged by Messrs. Miller & Martin	118	12	6
Bernhard Baron Charitable Trust	100	0	0
Messrs. C.V.A. Jigs, Moulds and Tools, Ltd. (Hospital Benevolent Fund)	60	0	0
Messrs. Thos. Harrington, Ltd. (Workmen's Collection)	55	0	0
Messrs. Allen West & Co.	52	10	0
The Rt. Hon. The Countess of Chichester (Pieschell Fund)	52	10	0

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	£	s.	d.
Brighton Friendly and Allied Societies Hospital Saturday Committee	50	0	0
Sussex Motor Yacht Club	40	0	0
The Windlesham Club	35	0	0
St. Ann's Well Gardens Bowling Club	33	5	0
Sector K64 Fire Protection Committee	31	7	7
Victoria Firewatching Services	31	4	6
Proceeds of Concert held at St. Barnabas Hall, Hove (arranged by Mr. Gordon Davis) ...	26	8	11
Dr. E. P. Daniell	25	0	0
Kingsway Bridge Club (Christmas Appeal by His Worship the Mayor of Hove)	25	0	0
Mr. Edgar Jones	20	0	0
U.D.F., South Africa (per His Worship The Mayor of Hove)	20	0	0

Also the following Legacies :—

	£	s.	d.
The late Miss L. F. Pauly	180	0	0
The late Mr. W. G. Betts	50	0	0
The late Mr. R. H. Wyder...	25	0	0

Appeals

The Ladies' Association

The Association, founded in 1940, has again been presided over by Mrs. R. W. McKergow, wife of our President, Lt.-Col. R. W. McKergow, with the Mayoress of Hove, Mrs. A. H. Clarke, as Chairman. (Mrs. Clarke has now been succeeded by the present Mayoress, Mrs. H. C. Andrews.) The ladies have been able to hand to the Hospital a cheque for £337 17s. 8d. The increased amount is largely due to the holding of a Christmas Gift Shop in the Hove Town Hall in November. This was a great success and drew the attention of many of the residents of the Borough to the fact that they had a General Hospital in their own area. The President and Chairman will be pleased to welcome new members. There is no annual subscription and full particulars can be obtained from Miss M. L. Saul, Appeals Secretary, at the Hospital.

Annual Ball

Mrs. Wm. Mercer has again acted as Chairman of the Ball Committee, and to her and her hard-working members the Board express their deep gratitude for the sum of £170 towards the expenses of the Institution.

Flag Day

The Flag Day held on Saturday, 9th June, was again a great success and realised £417 5s. 1d. The Board wish to thank all those ladies who so kindly undertook control of stalls and gave their able assistance to increase the receipts. Flag Day will be held this year either at the end of May or early in June, and the Appeals Secretary will be glad to receive, during the next few weeks, names and addresses of persons who are willing to assist as they are urgently required to enable the Hospital to further this effort.

Box Collection

The Board are very grateful to all those good friends who have assisted in the collection of £313 2s. during 1945. They feel, however, that this Scheme could, with small effort, be enlarged considerably and bring in an increased revenue. The Appeals Secretary, Miss M. L. Saul, at the Hospital, will be more than pleased to receive names and addresses of ladies or gentlemen who are willing to give a few hours every month to assist in extending this Scheme.

Pound Day

Even after Victory the difficulties of rationing still persist, and thus it makes it difficult for our friends to contribute what they would like to the Hospital. Under the circumstances the Board consider the results very good. 996lbs. in goods were received and £90 in cash. When rationing diminishes the Board have no doubt that the receipt of goods on Pound Day will again increase considerably.

Obituary

During the year the Hospital sustained a very great loss in the death of Dr. R. A. Clapham, M.A., M.D., senior honorary physician. For thirty-two years he gave untiring help and advice to the patients of this Hospital, never considering himself even when very much over-worked. He will be greatly missed by many of the inhabitants of the district.

By the death of Mrs. Francis Todhunter the Board have lost a very good friend of the Hospital, who had been a member of the Board of Management for many years. She assisted the Hospital in many ways and acted as honorary secretary of the Ladies' Linen Guild for some long time. By so doing, with her lady helpers, Mrs. Todhunter saved the Hospital some very considerable expense and she will be greatly missed by everybody in the Institution.

Honorary Staff

Now that Victory has been achieved we are glad to hear that Lt.-Col. R. Kemball Price and Lt.-Col. J. C. F. Lloyd Williamson, who have been serving with H.M. Forces, will shortly be resuming their honorary duties at this Hospital.

Major L. W. Lauste, whom we are more than glad to see after his having been a prisoner-of-war since Dunkirk, has already been released from the Forces and is rendering good service to the Hospital in his old position.

Staff

It was with very great regret that the Board received the resignation of Miss M. T. O'Halloran, who had been on the Staff of this Hospital for over twenty years, for the last fifteen of which she was Matron. She has rendered yeoman service to the Hospital, and all our good wishes go with her for her future happy retirement and good health. Her successor, Miss A. M. Gibson, takes up her duties on 1st March, 1946.

The Secretary-Superintendent, Lt.-Col. K. C. Booker, has recently resigned. P-O. R. A. Kingsnorth, Assistant Secretary, is at present stationed near Aden and hopes shortly to resume his duties at the Hospital. F-O. R. G. Thomsett does not intend to return to his duties here and we wish him every success in the future. His brother, Sig. K. E. Thomsett, former clerk, is still serving with the Royal Navy. For the time being Mr. J. V. Roe is continuing to carry out the duties of Secretary-Superintendent.

The Board wish to tender their sincere and grateful thanks to the Honorary Medical Staff, Matron and Nursing Staff, whose work, in spite of great difficulties, has been maintained at the usual high standard, and to the Administrative Staff who have so ably carried out their various duties.

The Board sincerely trust that the Government restrictions on allowing this Hospital only one House Surgeon will soon terminate. They consider there is too much work for one House Surgeon, and this fact has made it very difficult to render to patients the service we should wish. To those who have carried out these onerous duties we owe deep gratitude.

The Hospital Staff Savings Group is still carrying on, the amount invested this year being £480, and we owe our grateful thanks to Mr. Cosstick, our Pharmacist, who has taken such a great interest in the scheme.

The Hospital Staff Social Club has again increased its activities and has proved a great source of recreation and enjoyment to the Nurses. We sincerely trust that this year the Club will further increase its membership to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Included is the Annual Report of the Ladies' Linen Guild, which shows the volume of good work completed under the able guidance of the late Mrs. Francis Todhunter. With the aid of willing members, and under the Chairmanship of Miss E. Waghorn, and with the assistance of Miss M. E. Ridler, Vice-Chairman of the Hospital, acting as Hon. Secretary to the Guild, this fine work continues. To all these ladies the Board wish to express their gratitude.

To other good friends who have rendered valuable assistance to the Hospital from time to time the Board convey their sincere thanks, especially to Miss Macdonell and her assistant, who keep the Library so well organised. This is a source of joy to the patients and staff alike.

All voluntary hospitals are passing through a very difficult period We need the help of our friends to-day more than ever before to keep this, their local hospital, in a state of efficiency so that the good work can go forward without interruption. We therefore pray that those who at present take no interest in the Institution will rally to our support.

F. G. SAVAGE, *Chairman.*

R. A. DENDY, *Honorary Secretary.*

HOVE GENERAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

INCOME

ORDINARY

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Gifts						
Annual Subscriptions	716	3	9			
Donations	3168	16	4			
Box Collection Scheme	313	2	0	4198	2	1
Other Voluntary Gifts :—						
Workmen's Collections	163	17	6			
Entertainments	170	0	0			
Congregational Collections	185	6	4			
Gifts in Kind	87	4	0	606	7	10
Receipts on Account of Services to Patients						
Patients—General	2762	13	7			
Private	2839	0	0			
Sussex Provident Scheme (including H.S.A. and H.S.F.)	3222	5	0			
Hove Education Committee and Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme	136	2	0			
East Sussex County Council—T.B. Clinic X-Ray cases (net), etc.	107	0	7			
Radium Charges (including outside hire)	99	5	0			
	9166	6	2			
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme— Contributions towards cost of Casualty Service...	1721	8	6	10887	14	8
Invested Property						
Interest and Dividends (including Income Tax thereon recovered)	1149	14	2			
Rents (including receipts for accommodation of First Aid Post)	133	18	9	1283	12	11
State Grant						
Estimated Grant towards Rushcliffe Rates of Salaries for Nurses				621	5	0
Other Receipts				59	12	11
Total Ordinary Income carried forward ...				£17656	15	5

HOSPITAL

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

EXPENDITURE

ORDINARY

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provisions				2393	9	10
Surgery and Dispensary						
Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.	1238	12	1			
Dressings, Bandages, etc.	387	2	5			
Instruments and Appliances	780	11	8			
Salaries of Dispensing Staff (including Superannuation)	421	1	7			
Pathological Fees	325	0	0			
Sundries	19	15	8			
				3172	3	5
Domestic						
Renewals and Repairs to Furniture, Bedding and Crockery	308	16	8			
Laundry	718	8	0			
Cleaning and Chandlery	299	7	9			
Water	121	6	3			
Fuel and Lighting	1766	3	2			
Uniforms	38	14	4			
Sundries	27	15	5			
				3280	11	7
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)						
Medical	371	0	2			
Nursing (including Superannuation)	5882	18	3			
Other Officers and Employees (including Superannuation)	4119	6	1			
				10373	4	6
Miscellaneous						
Printing and Stationery	87	14	11			
Postages and Telephones	118	17	7			
Advertisements	64	9	1			
Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc. ...	117	18	1			
War Damage Contribution	1	19	0			
Sundries	108	19	3			
				499	17	11
Carried forward				£19719	7	3

HOVE GENERAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

INCOME

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				17656	15	5
EXTRAORDINARY						
Legacies						
The late Mr. R. H. Wyder	25	0	0			
The late Mr. W. G. Betts (balance)	50	0	0			
The late Mr. L. F. Pauly	180	0	0			
				255	0	0

NOTE—Excess of Hove General Hospital

Total brought from Brighton and Preston Branch Account ...	344	6	6
Total Income for both Branches	18256	1	11
Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year	4749	2	5
	£23005	4	4

We hereby certify that we have examined the above Statements with the Vouchers and Bank Books, and found the same correct. We have also verified the various Securities.

CLARK, BROWNSCOMBE & Co.,

Dated this 4th day of April, 1946. *Chartered Accountants,*

Auditors,

8 THE DRIVE, HOVE, 3.

HOSPITAL

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945 (*contd.*)

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				19719	7	3
Administration						
Official Salaries (including Superannuation) ...	535	14	2			
Salary and Superannuation Payments for Official Staff on Active Service	127	4	0			
Printing and Stationery	68	14	2			
Postages and Telephones	79	5	1			
Audit Fees	92	8	0			
Advertisements	4	4	0			
Sundries	56	0	10			
				963	10	3
Establishment						
Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant ...				341	14	11
Finance						
Bank Charges and Interest	547	13	0			
Rates	295	13	8			
Appeals	337	0	8			
				1180	7	4
Total Ordinary Expenditure				22204	19	9
Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income ...	£4548	4	4			

EXTRAORDINARY

Total brought from Brighton and Preston Branch Account ...				800	4	7
Total Expenditure for both Branches				£23005	4	4

BRIGHTON AND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

INCOME

ORDINARY

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Gifts			
Congregational Collections	25	0	0
Note—Annual Subscriptions and Donations are included in the Hospital Account			
Receipts on Account of Services to Patients	31	18	0
Invested Property			
Interest and Dividends (including Income Tax thereon recovered)	287	8	6

NOTE—Excess of Ordinary Expenditure

EXTRAORDINARY	—		
Carried to Hospital Account	£344	6	6

PRESTON BRANCH

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

EXPENDITURE

ORDINARY

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surgery and Dispensary						
Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc., and Prescriptions made up	125	17	9			
Dressings, Bandages, etc.	4	18	6			
Dispensing and Supervising Salaries	21	3	7			
				151	91	10
Domestic						
Laundry	3	14	1			
Cleaning and Chandlery	2	16	11			
Water		10	6			
Fuel and Lighting	28	4	7			
Uniforms	2	2	9			
				37	8	10
Salaries and Wages						
Medical	353	3	0			
Nursing	11	5	0			
Other Employees	117	8	6			
				481	16	6
Miscellaneous						
Telephone	8	11	0			
Printing and Stationery	6	0	9			
Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc. ...	10	14	4			
Sundries		4	8			
				25	10	9
Administration						
Official Salaries	63	6	2			
Audit Fees	5	5	0			
				68	11	2
Establishment						
Renewals and Repairs to Buildings				9	0	0
Finance						
Rates				25	17	6
over Ordinary Income £455 18 1						
EXTRAORDINARY...				—		
Carried to Hospital Account				£800	4	7

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors						
Hove General Hospital	1340	6	1			
Brighton and Preston Branch	25	16	8			
Jubilee and Samaritan Fund	11	0	9			
Surgical Appliances Fund	42	5	4			
Income Tax, Staff Deductions	115	5	0			
				1534	13	10
Barclays Bank, Ltd.						
Extension Fund Loan Account	5000	0	0			
General Fund Overdraft	10877	9	5			
Hadfield X-Ray Fund Overdraft	134	5	0			
				16011	14	5
Certain General Purposes Investments (market value £16651 · 6s. 7d.) are earmarked by the Custodian Trustees as Security for the Bank Loan and Overdraft Accounts.						
Capital Accounts						
For Special Purposes—						
Carr-Burton Endowment	1540	10	0			
Carr-Burton Memorial Tablet Fund	282	0	0			
Edward William Hammand Endowment ...	654	0	0			
Edith Howlett Endowment	1499	17	3			
Jane Hannah Macdonald Endowment	1618	0	0			
Princess May Endowment	323	5	0			
Helen Beddow Endowment	1000	0	0			
Hove General Hospital Endowment :—						
As per last Balance Sheet £4375 7 7						
Add Profit on Conversion of Investments 29 13 2						
4405 0 9						
Less Cash transferred to General Fund 3 0 9						
	4402	0	0			
				11319	12	3
Jubilee and Samaritan Fund				2010	19	0
Hadfield X-Ray Fund				1321	12	6
For Buildings, Equipment and Radium				4123	16	11
For General Purposes :—						
Permanent Fund Balance, as per last Balance Sheet	23519	10	10			
Add Cash transferred from Hove General Hospital Endowment and Extension Fund Capital Accounts	17	9	1			
Profit on Conversion of Investments	43	6	1			
	23580	6	0			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	4749	2	5			
				18831	3	7
Carried forward				55153	12	6

as at 31st December, 1945

ASSETS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand		
General Fund—Secretary's Petty Cash		16 19 2
Cash at Bank		
Jubilee and Samaritan Fund	695 12 10	
Surgical Appliances Fund	47 9 5	
Annual Ball Account	2 4 3	
Income Tax Account	91 11 0	
Guild of ex-Patients' Account	10 16 6	
Trustee Savings Bank	100 0 0	
		947 14 0
Stocks of Unissued Stores on Hand		1900 14 6
Sundry Debtors and Accrued Income		
Voluntary Gifts	1035 13 0	
Services to Patients (including Casualty Service) ...	1343 3 3	
Income Tax Recoverable	218 18 6	
Sundry Debtors (including Nursing Salaries Grant)	1139 10 1	
Staff National Savings Club	41 0 6	
		3778 5 4
Deposits and Payments in Advance		
Hove General Hospital	130 16 5	
Brighton and Preston Branch	7 12 2	
		138 8 7
Investments on Capital Account		
For Special Purposes	11319 12 3	
Jubilee and Samaritan Fund	2010 19 0	
Hadfield X-Ray Fund	1321 12 6	
For General Purposes	13938 12 2	
Legacy Fund	6646 17 5	
		35237 13 4
Carried forward		£42019 14 11

Note—Market Value at 31st Dec., 1945, £44,534 2s. 11d.

BALANCE

LIABILITIES

		£ s. d.	£ s. d
Brought forward			55153 12
FOR EXTENSION FUND :—			
As per last Balance Sheet		36842 16 1	
Less Loss on Sale of Investment ...	£16 10 5		
Cash transferred to General Fund ...	14 8 4		
		30 18 9	
			36811 17
Unexpended Income Balances on Special Funds			
Jubilee and Samaritan Fund		715 8 10	
Hadfield X-Ray Fund		160 0 9	
Annual Ball Account		2 4 3	
Surgical Appliances Fund		5 4 1	
Guild of ex-Patients' Account		10 16 6	
			893 14
			£92859 4

SHEET (*continued*)

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				42019	14	11
Land, Buildings, Equipment and Radium, at cost						
Hove General Hospital, as per last Balance Sheet ...	45754	5	0			
Less Sale of Equipment	30	0	0			
	45724	5	0			
131 Sackville Road	768	17	7			
107 Sackville Road	1107	1	7			
12 and 14 Byron Street	1050	0	0			
Radium	2189	5	2			
				50839	9	4
				£92859	4	3

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Hove General Hospital, including the Brighton and Preston Dispensary, dated 31st December, 1945, as above set forth.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and we are of opinion that such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Hospital's affairs according to the best of our information and explanations given us and as shown by the books of the Hospital.

We have verified the Deeds and other Securities referred to in the Accounts with the Certified Schedules of the Custodian Trustees of the Hospital, Barclays Bank, Ltd., and of the Charity Commission.

CLARK, BROWNSCOMBE & Co.,

Dated this 4th day of April, 1946. *Chartered Accountants,*

8 The Drive, Hove, 3. *Auditors.*

JUBILEE AND SAMARITAN FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

INCOME	£	s.	d.
Income from Investments (including Income Tax recovered)	89	15	0
Donations	10	0	0
	£99	15	0

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Special Foods and Grants towards Patients' Expenses	44	8	9
Grant to Surgical Appliances Fund	20	0	0
Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	35	6	3
	£99	15	0

HADFIELD ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF X-RAY APPARATUS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

INCOME	£	s.	d.
Income from Investments	57	0	10
	£57	0	10

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Maintenance of X-Ray Apparatus	4	10	0
Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	52	10	10
	£57	0	10

SURGICAL APPLIANCES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

INCOME	£	s.	d.
Receipts in respect of Appliances Supplied ...	173	10	0
Grant from Jubilee and Samaritan Fund	20	0	0
	£193	10	0

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Surgical Appliances	175	19	6
Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	17	10	6
	£193	10	0

We hereby certify that we have examined the above Statements with the Vouchers and Bank Books and found the same correct. We have also verified the various Securities.

CLARK, BROWNSCOMBE & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1946.
8 THE DRIVE, HOVE, 3.

THE LADIES LINEN GUILD

OF

HOVE GENERAL HOSPITAL

President: Lady Rawson, J.P.

Vice-Presidents:

The Mayoress of Hove

Mrs. Somers-Clarke
Mrs. Crotty
Mrs. Daniel Duff
Mrs. McKergow
Mrs. S. C. Peters
Mrs. J. Fraser-Piggott
Mrs. Gordon Weston

Committee:

Chairman: Miss Waghorn, 64 Wick Hall, Hove, 2
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Mrs. Malleson Butt
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Mrs. Cullum
Mrs. Dendy
Miss Dolan
Mrs. Dorté
Miss M. Foskett
Miss Gray
Mrs. Garfield
Miss A. M. Gibson (Matron)
Mrs. E. M. Matthews
Miss O'Halloran
Miss Price
Miss M. E. Ridler
Miss Robson

REPORT OF THE LADIES LINEN GUILD FOR 1945

OBITUARY

With very deep regret the Committee record the death, in August, 1945, of Mrs. Francis Todhunter, who, as Hon. Secretary, so ably conducted the affairs of the Guild for a period of 17 years. Her efforts were untiring and her selfless devotion to the work in all its aspects will ever remain an incentive and an example to all who honour her memory and mourn her loss.

A further gap in the ranks has been caused by the death of Mrs. Collins, a member of the Committee for more than 20 years; her helpful co-operation will be greatly missed.

Miss Dolan, a former colleague now returned to Hove, and her cousin, Mrs. Dorté, have been elected to fill the vacancies thus caused.

HON. OFFICERS

The resignation of Mrs. Malleson Butt from the chairmanship was regretfully received by the Committee, who are happy to have her continued active support as a member of their body. Miss Ethel Waghorn has consented to act as Chairman. The office of Hon. Secretary remains at present unfilled. Members are therefore requested to address communications to Miss Waghorn, at the address given on page 1.

THE YEAR'S WORK

While 1945 has been a year of anxiety it has also been one of encouragement. Anxious, because of the cancellation of the annual "At Home," owing to Mrs. Todhunter's illness, with consequent drop in income at a time when increasing demands necessitated augmented expenditure, yet encouraging, by reason of the added interest evinced by members and their assistance in obtaining fresh helpers.

As forecast in last year's report, a lengthy requisition list was anticipated, stocks of linen having been reduced to a very low level due to the difficulty of obtaining replacements of satisfactory quality.

During the past twelve months, in addition to material needed to meet Ward and Theatre requirements, the Guild has supplied a quantity of sheets, pillow cases, and towels, entailing an expenditure of £133, as against £51 for 1944.

Subscriptions and Donations for the past year totalled £89, against £78 in the previous year. Included in the former sum is an amount of £6 12s., representing donations sent in memory of Mrs. Todhunter.

It is the aim of the Committee to raise sufficient ordinary income to meet annual expenditure, a steady yearly income of at least £250 is required to enable them adequately to fulfil the obligations undertaken. With this end in view, special efforts are being made to obtain new subscribers. It is gratifying to report that eleven new recruits were enrolled during 1945. The Committee hope that during the current year this number may be multiplied many times.

The basic annual sum entitling to membership is 2s. 6d. only, although larger amounts are especially welcomed. In the large and influential Borough of Hove there must be many who would wish to aid their own General Hospital in a practical manner, by helping to provide its blankets and linen, if its needs in this respect were brought to their notice.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Committee desire to express their cordial thanks to all whose help has so materially assisted them in 1945 with especial appreciation of the substantial aid received from Mrs. Somers-Clarke, Mrs. Daniel Duff, Mrs. J. Fraser-Piggott, Vice-Presidents ; also from Mrs. Herbert and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark and family.

The assistance given by the League of Remembrance is gratefully acknowledged.

Tribute must also be paid to the invaluable aid given by the Working Party, who meet each Monday at the Hospital to make and mend, under the able leadership of Miss Robson.

APPEAL

The Committee conclude with the hope that each Member will endeavour to enlist fresh sympathy and active support, so that no call made upon them by the Hospital may have, for lack of funds, to be refused.

On behalf of the Committee,

ETHEL WAGHORN,

Chairman.

N.B.—Members are asked, for the sake of economy in postage and stationery, to look upon this Report as a reminder of Subscriptions due

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For year ended December 31st, 1945

Receipts	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1945	104	16	2
„ To Petty Cash in hand, January 1st, 1945 ...		17	8
„ Subscriptions and Donations ...	89	4	4
„ Bank Interest ...		8	1
	£195	6	3

Expenditure	£	s.	d.
By Renewals of Ward Linen ...	109	9	1
„ Materials for Ward Theatre and Departmental Requirements	24	7	1
„ Sundries for Working Party		8	4
„ Postage and Stationery ...	1	0	11
„ Petty Cash in hand, December 31st, 1945		8	5
„ Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1945	59	12	5
	£195	6	3

Examined and found correct,

F. G. SAVAGE.

28th January, 1946.

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